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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 5th, 2020**

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**Reconciliation:**

**St. Joseph's-Saturday: 4:15-4:40 PM or by appointment**  
**Holy Cross-Sunday: 8:00-8:20 AM or by appointment**

### The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



*"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (Matt 11:25-27).*

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10 and indicates that the humility asked for by Jesus is the kind that he himself endured, for he came in meekness and without pageantry, yet his dominion would be to the ends of the earth. The example of the humble servant is the very person of Jesus himself who invites us in the second part of the gospel to come to Him for refreshment and rest. — *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13 and contains one of the most important yet often misunderstood themes of St. Paul. The Hellenistic dichotomy between the lower and higher nature is not found here, for flesh and spirit mean the whole man and the whole man stands in need of redemption by Christ. The Pauline teaching is not that part of man is redeemed and part of him is damnable. Rather man's whole personality is redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. The vocation of the Christian, both "body" and "soul," is to conform his already redeemed person to the same Spirit he has already received at baptism. — *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 11:25-30. Pagans and Jews had the same hardships of life to face as we have, and even greater ones. They earned their daily bread with the sweat of brow and body. Their illnesses were more frequent and less bearable than ours, for they had not the medical helps that we have. Death came to young and old then as it does now, but for them it was a final parting from loved ones, and no hope of a future happy meeting served to lighten their sorrow. All their crosses were crushing weights, sent to make life more miserable. Life on earth was passed in gloom and darkness and there was no shining star in the heavens to beckon them on or give them hope.

Surely God is good to us, to put us into this world at this day and age, and give us the light of faith, and the knowledge of God and of His loving plans for us, which make the burdens of this life so relatively light and even so reasonable for us. We still have to earn our bread. We still have sickness and pains. We still have death stalking the earth, but unlike the people before Christ we now see a meaning to all these trials.

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of signposts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the

cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God, for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

*In Courtesy of The Sunday Readings  
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**COVID- 19 Phase III Updates as from June 19th. 2020**

*There is not much change from what we have been doing. "To get these latest updates, copy the below link and paste into your browser."*

General link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Outline-of-Changes-to-Upcoming-DHMs-Phase-III.pdf>

For Churches link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Guidelines-for-the-Conduct-of-Faith-Based-Services.pdf>

#### **Communion to the Homebound**

a. Since the [DHHS still recommends](#) limiting volunteer from visiting Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, and Independent Living facilities except for "compassionate care situations", and since homebound calls often minister to a similar population, EMHCs are not yet to permitted to carry out Communion calls.

b. For those who are quarantining at home, Holy Communion should not be brought to them, since they are quarantining.

c. For those who are sick (and especially those in need of viaticum), Holy Communion can be brought to them, but clerics who do so should wear a mask, wash hands before and after, visit only briefly, and maintain social distancing as far as possible.

d. For those who are homebound because they are in at-risk categories (or homebound for non-CV19 reasons, such as disability), Holy Communion can be brought to them, but clerics who do so should wear a mask, wash hands before and after, visit only briefly, and maintain social distancing as far as possible.

e. Those who are not in the above categories should not receive Communion calls. Please recall that Communion calls exist for those who are impeded from joining the community, not those who simply choose not to do so.

#### **f. The brief version of this is:**

- ◆ **no EMHC Communion calls yet.**
- ◆ **no Communion calls to people in quarantine.**
- ◆ **clergy can visit the sick and homebound with proper precautions.**



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 11th & 12th

**WORD:** Renae Carlson, Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky  
 Ann Bausch, Brenda Anderson  
**USHER:** Melvin Niewohner, Brad Schulz  
**PRAISE:** Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart

| Stewardship of God's Gifts<br>Holy Cross—June 28, 2020 |                   |
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| Sunday Envelopes:                                      | \$1,920.00        |
| Plate:   | 35.00             |
| <b>Totals:</b>   | <b>\$1,955.00</b> |

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mitchell Peatrowsky and Kailey Pena for receiving their Serra Club Server Awards. Mitchell was also Top Server for the 2019-2020 School Year. Kailey was runner-up. They have both been faithful ministers at serving and will be greatly missed. Please thank them for their service.

**JULY MOWING GROUP:** Chairman- Brian Oligmueller, Members: Gerald Gentrup, Chris Black, Brad Schulz, Joe Hansen, Jeff Robertson, Brian Gentrup, Wayne Emanuel.

**RETREAT: The Lord Took Me from Following the Flock:** The Message of the Prophet Amos, *August 1*, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Father Prior Joel Macul, OSB, S.T.L.* The first of the written prophets, Amos was filled with an urgency to speak the unspeakable. We will take time to look at how he gives shape to the word of the Lord he says he must speak, at the words and images he draws upon to shake up Israel. This way the prophet can lead us to look closely at our own world and find a voice to name where God wants his mercy to work justice. In that lies hope for the future, for the rebuilding of what has fallen down. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

**Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes**  
 We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:  
 For St. Joseph—[stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)  
 For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)

| MASS INTENTIONS   |    |                           |     |  |
|---|----|---------------------------|-----|--|
| Mon   | 06 | NO MASS                   | --- | NO MASS  |
| Tue   | 07 | —                         | WCC | <b>(private Mass only)</b><br>The men and women that serve and protect our country |
| Wed   | 08 | 8:00 AM                   | HC  | + Harold & Ruth Benson   |
| Thu   | 09 | 8:00 AM                   | SJ  | + John Davies  |
| Fri   | 10 | —                         | CHB | <b>(private Mass only)</b><br>+ Mildred Knobbe                                     |
| Sat   | 12 | 5:00 PM                   | HC  | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish  |
| Sun   | 13 | 8:30 AM                   | HC  | + Dec'd Mbrs of the Lee Wellman Family   |
| Sun   | 13 | 10:00 AM                  | SJ  | + Beata Batenhorst   |
| SJ—St. Joseph's   |    | HC—Holy Cross             |     |  |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center  |    | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer |     |  |
| <b>Fr. will <u>live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass</u> via both Facebook pages...</b> |    |                           |     |  |
| St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"  |    |                           |     |  |
| Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"  |    |                           |     |  |

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 12th

**LEC:** Jeff Phillips  
**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**USHER:** Men's June Work Group

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2020**

**Chair:** Eric VonSeggern  
**Co-Chair:** Jeff Phillips  
**Members:** Ken Knust, Mark Porter, Andy Bachman, Tony Wemhoff, Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerde-mann

| Stewardship of God's Gifts<br>St. Joseph—June 28, 2020 |            |
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| Sunday Envelopes:                                      | \$1,110.00 |
| Plate:   | 27.00      |
| Heating/AC:  | 420.00     |
| Easter:  | 15.00      |
| Cemetery:  | 15.00      |



**BUTTERFLY RELEASE 2020** - "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands . . ." (Isaiah 49:16). Faith Regional Health Services cordially invites those who have experienced the loss of a baby or child to attend this year's Butterfly Release Memorial Service. The gathering will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 in the Bradford Spirituality Garden on our West Campus. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468 or Patrick Roche at 402-644-7522. Please RSVP by July 8.

**YES....We still need volunteers!!  
CAN YOU HELP??**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
TEACHERS NEEDED**

**ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12**

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, we will be in need of 5-7 teachers total for elementary and evening Rel Ed classes, as well as the volunteers for prayers, Christmas program, snack, etc. Our program depends completely on volunteers in order to function, and each year it becomes harder and harder to find help. If you are able and willing to lend a hand, please let us know by June 15th. Please call Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:  
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com). The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

